



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

Dear School Community,

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE COVID CASE/S AT OUR SCHOOL**

I'm writing to let you know that a person/people with COVID-19 was on our school site while infectious.

Date positive case/s reported:	<b>12.08.2022</b>
Date positive case/s attended on-site:	<b>09.08.2022 – 10.08.2022</b>
Impacted classes:	<b>Grade 3/4/5/6</b>
Any extra-curricular activities, including school bus transport impacted:	<b>Excursion to Palmers Gym</b>

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

It is recommended that parents monitor students for symptoms and use a rapid antigen test when symptomatic.

Ensure that students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are ongoing, or caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

For information on symptoms visit: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks).

For more information on how to get tested visit: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19).

**If your child returns a positive RAT result and has symptoms it is very likely that your child has COVID-19.**

- You must advise the school and the Department of Health about the positive result.
- Your child must stay home for 7 days, and then only leave home once they feel well.

**Household contacts**

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. It is required that that household contacts undertake daily rapid antigen testing five times within the 7 days of exposure.

Students from Grade 3 and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school. This does not apply to students who have a valid exemption.

If your child returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must stay home for 7 days, and then only leave home once they feel well.

Note: If your child tests positive with a RAT but does not have symptoms and you don't believe they have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19, it is recommended getting a PCR test within the first 48 hours of testing positive and stay isolated at all times until they receive their result.

If your child's subsequent PCR test is negative, they will be able to leave isolation and return to school. If the PCR test result is positive, they must follow the steps above.

### **Reporting your child's positive test**

If your child tests positive to COVID-19 you need to report the positive case through the Student COVID-19 Test Portal at [covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au](https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au) or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health online, via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form [dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/](https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/) or phone the call centre on 1800 675 398.

### **Further information for languages other than English**

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.
- For translated health advice and information about COVID-19, please visit: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19).

### **Financial support available to people affected by COVID-19:**

For more information, visit:

- Find out about the financial support available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-and-other-support-coronavirus-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-and-other-support-coronavirus-covid-19)
- If you need a payment during coronavirus (COVID-19) [servicesaustralia.gov.au/if-you-need-payment-during-coronavirus-covid-19](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/if-you-need-payment-during-coronavirus-covid-19)

### **General advice and support**

For general advice and support please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**.

You can also contact the school:

Phone: 03 5432 2236

Email: [goornong.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:goornong.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, are online at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist) or you can call the 24/7 Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398

Yours sincerely,



Jason Cox

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